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(b) how many of these No Objection Certificates have been issued by the Karnataka Government for starting new medical and dental colleges; and

(c) the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) One of the qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulation of Medical Council of India and Dental Council of India is that the person desirous to start a medical/dental college has obtained Essentiality Certificate from the concerned State Government regarding desirability and feasibility of having proposed medical/dental college. Grant of Essentiality Certificate is the concern of the State Governments. As per the proposals received under the above Regulation State Governments of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Pondicherry, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have issued such Essentiality Certificates recently.

(b) and (c) Five proposals alongwith the Essentiality Certificates given by Government of Karnataka for establishment of medical colleges were received by the Government. These proposals have been returned as the same were not fulfilling the other qualifying criteria prescribed for the purpose.

Development of Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh

3064. **SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had allocated funds for development of Assam Medical College at Dibrugarh;

(b) if so, what was the purpose and its utilisation; and

(c) whether the Ministry propose to help in renovation of the oldest Medical College of North-Eastern Region and its hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Controlling Malaria in Madhya Pradesh

†3065. SHRI VIKRAM VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many patients died due to outbreak of malaria in Baitool district of Madhya Pradesh, many of whom were suffering from falciparum malaria;

(b) whether the Central Health Department, alongwith the State Government, had received information and complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken in that regard;

(d) whether any study report has been submitted by any Government or voluntary institution to Government; and

(e) the details of preventive measures taken against malaria in that district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) During 2000, some blocks of Betul district in Madhya Pradesh were affected with malaria outbreak and 30 deaths due to P. falciparum malaria were recorded in this district.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. Following steps have been taken for control of the disease:—

1. Betul District has been included under Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank Support since September, 1997 for enhanced inputs for intensification of anti-malaria activities.
2. During the epidemic period 6 Central Teams visited the affected areas to take stock of the situation and to suggest appropriate containment measures.

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